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### **Top Stories**

- The Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team identified an active series of cyber intrusions targeting natural gas pipeline sector companies that began in December 2011 and continued for at least 5 months. – *Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team* (See item [4](#))
- An Iowa man was convicted of mailing pipe bombs and threatening letters to investment companies in a failed bid to get the firms to artificially drive up the value of certain stocks. – *Reuters* (See item [14](#))
- A fire at the Mount Zion, Illinois Fire Department's station caused an estimated \$3 million in damages to equipment and the building. – *Decatur Herald-Review* (See item [32](#))
- New York City's 9-1-1 system is riddled with problems that could cost crucial seconds in dispatching emergency services despite a \$2 billion overhaul, a city government report found. – *New York Post* (See item [34](#))
- Although States have made huge strides in emergency and natural disaster preparedness, they are still vulnerable to cyber disasters, said the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Preparedness Report. – *Government Security News* (See item [44](#))

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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *May 6, WPSD 6 Paducah* – (Missouri) **Acid explosion reported at local power plant.** Sikeston Public Safety (DPS) reported an active HAZMAT incident at Sikeston's Board of Municipal Utilities (BMU) Power Plant in Sikeston, Missouri, May 6. The Sikeston BMU Power Plant reported a trailer containing hydrochloric acid exploded. The catastrophic failure of the container resulted in a 7,500 gallon spill. Sikeston DPS dispatched their HAZMAT team to the site to evaluate the incident. The spill was confined to the immediate area. It was not known what caused the pressurized container to fail. At no time was anyone outside the property lines of the power plant in any danger according to BMU. The incident had no effect on their operation. Every year BMU has a planned outage to conduct yearly maintenance. The power plant was currently going through this annual maintenance when the incident occurred. As a result, the event did not disrupt their service.  
Source: <http://www.wpsdlocal6.com/news/local/Acid-explosion-reported-at-local-power-plant-150351075.html>
2. *May 6, St. Paul Pioneer Press* – (Minnesota) **Minneapolis: Cars burn in fire involving downed lines, gas leak.** Downed power lines and an underground natural gas leak might have contributed to a fire that burned three vehicles in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 6, said the Minneapolis Fire Department. Homes were evacuated near the fire. The incident started with a sparking power line igniting one vehicle and spread to three as a natural gas leak was discovered, the fire department said. The fire department received calls of a loud bang in the area and found a transformer had blown. It was not known whether thunderstorms contributed to the fire. CenterPoint Energy arrived to the scene and all gas lines into the area were shut off less than 2 hours later.

Source: [http://www.twincities.com/allheadlines/ci\\_20561729/minneapolis-unusual-fire-torches-3-vehicles](http://www.twincities.com/allheadlines/ci_20561729/minneapolis-unusual-fire-torches-3-vehicles)

3. *May 4, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **Man charged in theft of copper from power company's substations.** A suspect was apprehended May 4 at a Met-Ed substation in Amity Township, Pennsylvania, police said. The man confessed to police his role in 19 recent thefts at substations around Berks County. More than 1,200 pounds of copper tubing was taken in the recent thefts, costing Met-Ed more than \$100,000 in materials and repairs. Investigators said the suspect hit substations, and then would break in again to steal more copper after repairs were made. Detectives said the suspect would cash in the copper at a scrap dealer, but due to a Pennsylvania law requiring scrap dealers to keep customer information, police were able to track the transactions. Authorities said the man netted \$4,000 in his sale of copper and copper-plated tubing. He faces charges of burglary, theft, and receiving stolen property.

Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-berks/Man-charged-in-theft-of-copper-from-power-company-s-substations/-/121418/12563850/-/yp3vrmz/-/index.html>

4. *May 4, Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team* – (National) **Gas pipeline cyber intrusion campaign.** In March, the Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) identified an active series of cyber intrusions targeting natural gas pipeline sector companies, ICS-CERT reported May 4. Various sources provided information to ICS-CERT describing targeted attempts and intrusions into multiple natural gas pipeline sector organizations. Analysis of the malware and artifacts associated with these cyber attacks has positively identified this activity as related to a single campaign. It appears to have started in December 2011 and remains active. Analysis showed the spear-phishing attempts have targeted a variety of personnel within these organizations; however, the number of persons targeted appears to be tightly focused. In addition, the e-mails have been convincingly crafted to appear as though they were sent from a trusted member internal to the organization. ICS-CERT has issued an alert to the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team Control Systems Center secure portal library and also disseminated them to sector organizations and agencies to ensure broad distribution to asset owners and operators. ICS-CERT is currently engaged with multiple organizations to identify the scope of infection and provide recommendations for mitigating it and eradicating it from networks.

Source: [http://www.us-cert.gov/control\\_systems/pdf/ICS-CERT\\_Monthly\\_Monitor\\_Apr2012.pdf](http://www.us-cert.gov/control_systems/pdf/ICS-CERT_Monthly_Monitor_Apr2012.pdf)

5. *May 3, Ithaca Journal* – (Pennsylvania) **Gas contractor fined in Bradford County sludge dumping.** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) fined a West Virginia corporation for the illegal December 2011 dumping of sludge on State game lands in northeastern Bradford County. The department fined RW Products LLC \$21,029 for the dumping of about 800 gallons of waste on State Game Land 219 in Warren Township. The contractor admitted to driving the sludge from the Talisman Energy USA's Strobe gas well and dumping it. The contractor cleaned up the sludge and contaminated soil and disposed of it at the Hyland Landfill in Angelica, New York, the department said in a statement.

Source: <http://www.theithacajournal.com/article/20120503/NEWS01/120503015/Gas-contractor-fined-Bradford-County-sludge-dumping?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Local News|s>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

6. *May 6, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Sulfuric-acid spill cleanup under way.** Cleanup of a Salt Lake City chemical company’s 2,000-gallon acid spill was expected to be completed the weekend of May 5. May 4, workers at Brenntag Pacific were unloading sulfuric acid from a rail car when a hose broke and acid overflowed a containment area, spilling toward nearby train tracks. All 10 workers evacuated after the spill. A cleanup company began cleaning the site May 4, monitored by the Utah Health Department, a Salt Lake City fire spokesman said May 5. The health department would make sure “all the sulfuric acid gets cleaned from the soil,” he said. Brenntag Pacific is a chemical distributor with locations around the western United States.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/54054928-78/acid-cleanup-spill-sulfuric.html.csp>

7. *May 5, Point Pleasant Register* – (West Virginia; Ohio) **Chemical leak results in shelter-in-place order.** A chemical leak at the ICL-IP plant in the Gallipolis Ferry area of Mason County, West Virginia, led to a shelter-in-place order in surrounding areas, including across the Ohio River in Gallia County, Ohio. The leak occurred May 4. According to a press release from ICL America, Inc., the plant experienced an “emergency event” that involved the release of phosphorus trichloride liquid and hydrochloric acid fumes due to a pump failure. The firm said the liquid phosphorus trichloride release was contained on site, but the hydrochloric acid fumes left the site. The Point Pleasant fire chief said it appeared the chemical cloud traveled north of the plant but dissipated along W.Va. 2. The shelter-in-place order lasted around 30 minutes. ICL said notifications were made to the appropriate agencies.

Source: [http://www.mydailyregister.com/view/full\\_story/18466018/article-Chemical-leak-results-in-shelter-in-place-order?instance=popular](http://www.mydailyregister.com/view/full_story/18466018/article-Chemical-leak-results-in-shelter-in-place-order?instance=popular)

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

8. *May 7, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Chrysler 300 and Dodge Charger antilock brake control unit.** Chrysler announced May 7 it is recalling 119,072 model year 2011 and 2012 Chrysler 300 and Dodge Charger vehicles. These vehicles may lose antilock braking system/electronic stability control (ABS/ESC) system function due to an overheated power distribution center. This could lead to loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash. Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will relocate the ABS/ESC system fuse.  
Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rc1\\_ID=12V197000&summary=true&prod\\_id=1209772&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rc1_ID=12V197000&summary=true&prod_id=1209772&PrintVersion=YES)
9. *May 6, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **Fire destroys operations facility at Cleveland, NY, wire company.** The owners of a wire factory in Cleveland, New York, were looking for new space after a fire destroyed their operations facility May 6. United Wire manufactures fine wire for guitar string and the aerospace industry, among other applications. Cleveland firefighters were joined by 15 fire departments responding to the fire. Several propane tanks exploded inside the building as firefighters worked. Additionally, Route 49 near the fire was closed for around 4.5 hours during the fire response.  
Source: [http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2012/05/fire\\_destroys\\_operations\\_facili.html](http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2012/05/fire_destroys_operations_facili.html)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

10. *May 7, Air Force Times* – (National) **Hypoxia-like illness also hits F-22 maintainers.** Oxygen problems plaguing the U.S. Air Force's F-22 stealth fighter are afflicting maintainers working on the plane — as well as pilots — with dizziness, nausea, and other hypoxia-like symptoms, the Air Force Times learned. At least five ground maintainers complained of illness between September and December 2011, an Air Combat Command spokesman said in an Air Force Times article released May 7. The maintainers grew sick after breathing in ambient air during ground engine runs, a Congressional aide told the Air Force Times. The Air Force's investigation into the oxygen problems with the jet, which includes at least 11 cases of unexplained hypoxia-like incidents from pilots in the Raptor since its grounding was lifted in September 2011, has expanded to look at the maintainer incidents, the head of Air Combat Command said April 30. The Air Force is in the process of providing maintainers with off-the-shelf canisters to trap and release air during maintenance if they experience breathing problems. The basketball-sized containers, called Summa canisters, measure air quality around maintainers. They can take an air sample with the turn of a valve if maintainers smell or feel anything unusual.  
Source: <http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2012/05/air-force-f22-maintainers-illness-050712/>

## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *May 6, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **FBI searching for woman who allegedly robbed 5 banks, including three Dorchester banks on Friday.** The FBI was searching for a woman who allegedly robbed five banks in Boston since mid-April, including three May 4, officials said. A spokesman for the city’s FBI unit said surveillance tapes showed a woman allegedly slipping a note demanding cash from five different banks. A Boston Sovereign Bank was robbed April 13, and another branch of the bank in Dorchester was robbed April 21. Three more banks were robbed — authorities believe by the same woman — May 4: the Jamaica Plain-based Mt. Washington Bank; a Members Credit Union in Dorchester; and a Citizens Bank in Boston.  
Source: <http://www.boston.com/metrodesk/2012/05/fbi-searching-for-woman-who-allegedly-robbed-banks-including-three-dorchester-banks-friday/PFgP3AgcJ7mxX2Hcdcc2FI/index.html>
12. *May 5, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **‘Snowboarder Bandit’ arrested: FBI.** A man believed to be the “Snowboarder Bandit” was arrested in connection with robbing at least 10 banks across southern California since December 2011. FBI officials were expected to announce more details the week of May 7. A task force of local and federal authorities in a bank robbery apprehension team worked with the Irvine Police Department on the case. The suspect was arrested at his home in Riverside, California. He was linked to three robberies in Palm Desert and Oxnard, and an attempted robbery in Bermuda Dunes, an FBI spokeswoman said. FBI officials credited media coverage, which included bank surveillance photos, for helping develop leads. The “Snowboarder Bandit” was on the FBI’s most-wanted list of southern California bank robbers. The suspect earned his nickname because of his youthful appearance and the knit hat and ski clothes he wore as a disguise.  
Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Snowboarder-Bandit-Arrest-150285675.html>
13. *May 5, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **‘Explosives Threat Bandit’ charged in string of robberies.** A man known as the “Explosives Threat Bandit” for threatening tellers with a bomb device was charged the week of April 30 in a string of bank heists he allegedly pulled off in the Los Angeles area. He was indicted by a federal grand jury on eight counts of bank robbery and attempted bank robbery, the FBI said May 5. He was arrested by Los Angeles police in mid-April and is being held without bail in a federal detention facility in California City. In the first two robberies, in November 2011, he allegedly left a package of wires and electronic devices that he said an accomplice would set off if tellers did not do what they were told. This “establishment will not exist,” he warned in one note. The bombs were fakes, and authorities said the suspect later switched to a more standard modus operandi, brandishing a handgun. The five robberies and three attempted robberies involved branches of major banks in west Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and Venice. The amounts taken ranged from \$245 to

\$15,534.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/05/bank-robber-.html>

14. *May 4, Reuters* – (National) **Iowa man convicted in bomb plot targeting financial firms.** An Iowa man was convicted May 4 of mailing pipe bombs and threatening letters to investment companies in a failed bid to get the firms to artificially drive up the value of certain stocks. A jury in Chicago found the man guilty of one count of using a destructive device while mailing a threatening communication, two counts of possessing an unregistered destructive device, and nine counts of mailing a threatening communication. Prosecutors said the man, writing under the name “The Bishop,” sent a series of letters to financial institutions in 2005, demanding they move a number of stocks he had an interest in to specific price targets by specific dates. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service, which led the 100-person-member task force that investigated the mailings and ultimately tracked them to the man, said the letters and packages contained recurring phrases, including “Life is full of choices,” “Bang you’re dead,” and “Tic-Toc.” Prosecutors said the man’s motive was financial. At trial, they presented evidence he had opened option contracts in two of the firms mentioned in the letters, and the value of those positions would have increased if the underlying stocks had moved in the direction he demanded. The mailings took an ominous turn in 2007 when American Century Investment Management in Kansas City, Missouri, and Janus Capital Group in Denver received threatening notes and functional, but disarmed, pipe bombs. The device sent to Denver was rerouted to the firm’s Chicago office where police intercepted it. On the day the suspect was arrested, investigators recovered two additional assembled pipe bombs in a storage locker he rented that were similar to the mailed ones.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-rt-us-crime-bomber-iowabre844005-20120504,0,1448561.story>

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## **Transportation Sector**

15. *May 7, WIFR 23 Rockford* – (Illinois) **Train derailment in Central Illinois, hazmat called for possible hazardous materials.** Firefighters and HAZMAT specialists were called to the scene of a freight train derailment May 7 near the Marshall-La Salle county border in central Illinois. According to the Marshall County Sheriff’s Department, 30 cars derailed. Authorities from several agencies set up a large perimeter to keep people at bay. That included a brief evacuation of a few homes in the surrounding area. Investigators said heavy wind from a severe storm could be to blame. Authorities had not released details on what the train was carrying but said it could have been hazardous.

Source: <http://www.wifr.com/news/headlines/150397525.html>

16. *May 7, KBTX 3 Bryan* – (Texas) **13 students, 1 firefighter released from hospital following school bus accident.** Thirteen West Texas high school students and a firefighter were released from the hospital after a school bus crashed into three fire trucks on Interstate 45 in Leon County May 6. The school bus was carrying Odessa



Permian and Odessa High School students, teachers, and chaperones on a weekend field trip. Their school bus crashed into three Leona fire department trucks that were responding to a pickup truck on fire on Interstate 45 just north of Leona. State troopers said a third fire truck was turning to put out a grass fire in the center median when they crossed into the path of the bus.

Source:

[http://www.kbtx.com/home/headlines/12\\_Students\\_Hospitalized\\_Following\\_School\\_Bus\\_Accident\\_150358125.html](http://www.kbtx.com/home/headlines/12_Students_Hospitalized_Following_School_Bus_Accident_150358125.html)

17. *May 7, KJRH 2 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Deadly crash closes Rogers County highway.** A deadly accident shut down a busy highway in Rogers County, Oklahoma, for more than 8 hours May 6. According to Oklahoma Highway Patrol, a driver crossed into oncoming traffic on Highway 169 just north of Talala. He hit a semi head on, causing both vehicles to catch fire and burn. The driver and passenger in the semi suffered only minor injuries. Troopers redirected traffic to county roads as crews cleaned up the scene. The highway reopened to traffic May 7.

Source: [http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/deadly-crash-closes-rogers-county-highway](http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local_news/deadly-crash-closes-rogers-county-highway)

18. *May 6, WDIV 4 Detroit* – (Michigan; International) **Simulated bomb threat closes Detroit/Windsor border crossing.** An emergency readiness drill closed one of Detroit's border crossings for 3 hours May 6 as first responders converged on the Detroit/Windsor Tunnel from both sides of the border. The simulation focused on a dangerous suspect fleeing from Canada who got into the tunnel in a car filled with explosives. The tunnel facility manager said the training exercise went smoothly. Police from Detroit and Windsor moved in with the bomb squad to investigate the vehicle. The drill ended with the suspect arrested and detained by Customs and Homeland Security officials.

Source: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/Trouble-at-the-Detroit-Windsor-Tunnel/-/1719418/12621944/-/e64kq9/-/>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

19. *May 6, Food Safety News* – (National) **Organic ‘Cacao Nibs’ recalled for E. coli contamination.** California's FunFresh Foods Inc. May 5 recalled a single lot of World Berries Organic “Cacao Nibs” for possible E. coli O157:H7 contamination. The San Clemente-based company said it issued the recall after consulting with the U.S. Food



and Drug Administration (FDA). About 500 6-ounce packages of the recalled lot of “Cacao Nibs” were distributed from April 12-17. Fun-Fresh Foods already retrieved 263 before it announced the recall. The product was distributed to health and natural food retail stores located in the following states: Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, and West Virginia. Fresh Foods was conducting finished product testing when it discovered the potential contamination. It suspended production and distribution so the FDA and the company could investigate the problem.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/05/organic-cacao-nibs-recalled-for-e-coli-contamination/>

20. *May 5, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio; National) **Late frost wreaks havoc on Ohio’s grapes, causing concern for growers, winery owners.** Grape growers and winery owners in northern Ohio and nearby states sensed their crops could be damaged when temperatures remained unseasonably high in March, the Cleveland Plain Dealer reported May 5. However, they did not foresee the destruction that occurred April 29. Temperatures in the low to mid-20s caused most grapes to freeze, which could have a dramatic impact on harvest the fall of 2012 for dozens of the state’s 163 wineries. Ohio wineries experienced 11 frosts since the middle of March, said the executive director of the Ohio Wine Producers Association in Geneva. Some of the frosts were brief and caused little damage. Part of the problem April 29 was it was too cold for wind machines, which many wineries and grape growers own, to prevent the frost from taking hold. Although the impact of the freeze will not be fully known for several weeks, the executive director said the market will be affected starting in 2013 and possibly extending until 2015.

Source:

[http://www.cleveland.com/taste/index.ssf/2012/05/frost\\_wreaks\\_havoc\\_on\\_grapes\\_f.html](http://www.cleveland.com/taste/index.ssf/2012/05/frost_wreaks_havoc_on_grapes_f.html)

21. *May 4, Asheville Citizen-Times* – (North Carolina) **Salmonella type linked to tempeh in Asheville area.** State lab work showed the type of salmonella found in a locally made tempeh was the same that was behind a recent outbreak of the bacterial infection in Buncombe County, North Carolina, the Asheville Citizen-Times reported May 4. Forty-six people were reported sick from the rare type of salmonella with seven hospitalized, the county health director said May 4 during a press conference. Prior lab results showed Smiling Hara Tempeh had salmonella, but it was not certain it was the same type, paratyphi B, that was afflicting people. The makers of the fermented and cultured bean product were looking into their ingredients. None of their workers were sick, so the producers were looking at the beans, cultures, and vinegar that go into the tempeh.

Source: <http://www.citizen-times.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2012120504032>

## **Water Sector**

22. *May 4, Yakima Herald-Republic* – (Washington) **EPA has levied four pollution actions in Lower Valley.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a summary, May 3, of 35 enforcement actions that took place between January 1 and March 31 in the Pacific northwest. EPA has jurisdiction on the Yakama reservation, where four of the violations occurred. Husch & Husch, a fertilizer company, and the city of Wapato were fined \$11,000 and \$57,000, respectively, for violations. January 17, Legends Casino discharged wastewater from its wastewater treatment plant without a required discharge permit. Fort Simcoe Job Corps was cited February 13 for not conducting required monitoring of its drinking water system and not reporting excessive pollutants to those being served by the system. The Legends Casino and Fort Simcoe Job Corps violations were not considered as serious and resulted in compliance orders, said an EPA official.  
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-mct-epa-has-levied-four-pollution-actions-in-lower-20120504,0,6921298.story>
23. *May 4, WNEM 5 Bay City* – (Michigan) **State of emergency declared in Genesee County following floods.** Severe rains in Genesee County, Michigan, May 3-4 caused the county chairman to declare a state of emergency for the region due to the damage left behind by the flooding. Rains caused severe flooding to basements, drains, streets, and intersections, as well as the failure of sanitary sewers. Genesee County's drain commissioner told Michigan Radio the overnight rains led to a 100-year flood event around Flint. Consumers Energy said at the height of the storm more than 10,500 customers in Flint were without power. Clayton Township experienced an estimated 5 to 7 inches of rainfall in less than 12 hours. The township supervisor said an estimated 300 to 500 homes, or 12 percent of the community, were significantly impacted by the natural disaster.  
Source: <http://www.wnem.com/story/18150702/state-of-emergency-declared>
24. *May 4, North Andover Eagle-Tribune* – (New Hampshire) **Tests show well water woes spread.** The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) identified 12 wells contaminated with 1,4 Dioxane, 4 since April. The contamination could affect more Atkinson, New Hampshire residents than originally thought, representatives from DES and the Environmental Protection Agency said at a public information session May 3. The State found elevated levels in 12 wells and detectable quantities in 15 wells in the area, and numbers were rising. The State periodically tested the wells since 2002 when DES first found chlorinated solvent contaminants in the water. The State installed water treatment systems in many homes in the neighborhood to solve the problem, but this contamination was new. Since DES began testing for it, the chemical was found in about 70 sites in New Hampshire. DES is still investigating, but the source of the contamination may have been a release of a chlorinated solvent at the Johnston and Johnston property in 1989, according to a DES groundwater expert. The chemical does not degrade over time and spreads easily through groundwater. There are considerable health risks over time, according to a DES health risk assessor.  
Source: <http://www.eagletribune.com/latestnews/x1720501036/Tests-show-well-water-woes-spread>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

25. *May 7, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Powder prompts evacuation at school.** Local and federal law enforcement officials were investigating the origin of a mysterious powder that triggered a full-scale hazardous materials response after it was found May 6 in a boys' bathroom in the basement of Nashoba Regional High School in Bolton, Massachusetts. A custodian discovered the powder, said a State fire official, and a HAZMAT team determined the substance was benign. Personnel from the nearby towns of Lancaster, Clinton, Littleton, and Bolton set up a decontamination tent. In all, 20 people were decontaminated as a precaution. Officials said the substance would be handed over to the FBI's Worcester office, which will perform further testing, in addition to investigating how the substance came to be left in the school.

Source: <http://bostonglobe.com/metro/2012/05/06/heavy-police-and-fire-response-potentially-hazardous-situation-nashoba-regional-high-school/7dIV14ZiGNqPKXNuUaJ55L/story.html>

26. *May 6, Associated Press* – (National) **Virginia man accused of threatening to kill U.S. President.** A Virginia man was charged with threatening to kill the U.S. President, the Associated Press reported May 6. A criminal complaint filed in federal court in Harrisonburg, Virginia, said the suspect made death threats against the President and threatened to bomb the White House, hotels, and other places, including Philadelphia City Hall, and the site of the former World Trade Center in New York City. An affidavit said the threats were e-mailed to various media outlets. Media outlets report an e-mail sent April 19 to a Roanoke radio station threatened the President's life. The FBI traced the e-mail to the suspect's account. The suspect was ordered to undergo a psychological evaluation.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2012/05/06/virginia-man-accused-threatening-to-kill-obama/>

27. *May 5, Mason City Globe Gazette* – (Iowa) **School official: Extinguisher prank could have had dangerous outcome.** Fire extinguishers were allegedly discharged by four West Des Moines Valley High School students into the Mason City, Iowa, High School's south hallway and commons May 4. The subsequent "smoke" created by the chemicals triggered a fire alarm, forcing the evacuation of hundreds from the high school basement where they were taken for shelter from a potentially dangerous storm. The four students were charged with criminal mischief and disorderly conduct. The crowd was at the school for a boys' track meet held in Mohawk Stadium. Athletes and fans from six schools were attending. The Mason City schools superintendent said she was worried about what could have happened had the storm worsened.

- Source: [http://globegazette.com/news/local/school-official-extinguisher-prank-could-have-had-dangerous-outcome/article\\_cd5755c8-9724-11e1-8a5a-0019bb2963f4.html](http://globegazette.com/news/local/school-official-extinguisher-prank-could-have-had-dangerous-outcome/article_cd5755c8-9724-11e1-8a5a-0019bb2963f4.html)
28. *May 5, Charles County Public Schools* – (Maryland) **Chas. Co. Health Dept., school system investigating tuberculosis case.** The Charles County, Maryland Department of Health confirmed May 5 that a North Point High School student was diagnosed with Tuberculosis (TB) disease. The school system was working with the health department to ensure there was no further risk in the school. Classmates, teachers, and staff members at North Point who may have had prolonged exposure to the student diagnosed with TB were slated to receive an exposure letter and a TB testing consent form. North Point sent home an information letter to all parents as well as a TB fact sheet May 4.  
Source: <http://somd.com/news/headlines/2012/15447.shtml>
29. *May 4, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Police: Student brings pipe bomb to Moraga middle school.** A bomb squad was called May 4 to Joaquin Moraga School in Moraga, California, after a student brought a 4-inch pipe bomb to school and showed it to other students, police said. A member of the school's staff saw the boy showing a "device" to fellow students, confiscated it, and called police, according to a news release from Moraga police. The Walnut Creek Bomb Squad was called to the school and verified the contents in the device made it an explosive pipe bomb. They took the bomb apart and removed it from the middle school campus. The boy was detained by Moraga police and released into the custody of his parents.  
Source: [http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci\\_20552613/police-student-brings-pipe-bomb-moraga-middle-school](http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci_20552613/police-student-brings-pipe-bomb-moraga-middle-school)
30. *May 4, ZDNet* – (International) **NASA, ESA confirm hacks; The Unknowns says systems patched.** NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA) confirmed they were recently hacked, ZDNet reported May 4. The hacking group The Unknowns said most of the 10 companies it attacked patched their systems, which was supposedly their goal. "NASA security officials detected an intrusion into the site on April 20 and took it offline," a NASA spokesperson said in a statement. "The agency takes the issue of IT security very seriously and at no point was sensitive or controlled information compromised. NASA has made significant progress to better protect the agency's IT systems and is in the process of mitigating any remaining vulnerabilities that could allow intrusions in the future," it said. "The group used SQL injection ... The use of SQL injection is an admitted vulnerability," an ESA security office manager told ZDNet. "This needs to be addressed at a coding level."  
Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/security/nasa-esa-confirm-hacks-the-unknowns-says-systems-patched/11902>
31. *May 3, KPRC 2 Houston* – (Texas) **Students arrested after bomb threat, hit list found.** Two New Waverly, Texas High School students were arrested the week of April 30 after investigators said one of them created a hit list that included school staff and the U.S. President, and the other called in a bomb threat. The school district superintendent said they first noticed threatening graffiti inside a boy's school bathroom May 2. Administrators launched an investigation that led them to a student

who was found in possession of a list of names in his backpack. Deputies alerted the Secret Service who interviewed the student. Walker County deputies searched the student's bedroom, found prohibited weapons, and placed him under arrest. Walker County sheriff's deputies said an anonymous caller phoned the school's front office May 3. When a secretary answered, the caller threatened to blow up a bomb at the school, deputies said. A bomb squad was brought to the campus and hundreds inside the building were evacuated. Several students told the principal they saw a fellow student make the threatening phone call while on campus. The juvenile was taken into custody.

Source: <http://www.click2houston.com/news/Students-arrested-after-bomb-threat-hit-list-found/-/1735978/12537726/-/spjym2/-/>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

32. *May 6, Decatur Herald-Review* – (Illinois) **Mount Zion firehouse, equipment ravaged by blaze.** The Mount Zion Fire Department in Mount Zion, Illinois, suffered an estimated \$3 million in damages after a fire May 5. Firefighters from nearby departments arrived quickly and put out the fire, but the department lost two expensive firefighting vehicles and its entire new addition which housed its training center, kitchen, dining area, and bunkhouse. It is believed the fire started by a short circuit in the cab of a 2000 American LaFrance ladder truck, according to the fire chief. The interior of the cab caught fire, the aluminum cab started melting, and “that opened it up to starting the rest of the building on fire.” A firefighter tried to save the engine next to the burning truck, but when the garage door failed to open, the firefighter quickly exited the vehicle and escaped from the building.

Source: [http://www.herald-review.com/news/local/mount-zion-firehouse-equipment-ravaged-by-blaze/article\\_27e96282-9730-11e1-8aaf-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.herald-review.com/news/local/mount-zion-firehouse-equipment-ravaged-by-blaze/article_27e96282-9730-11e1-8aaf-001a4bcf887a.html)

33. *May 6, EMS World* – (Virginia) **Virginia responder charged in fatal ambulance crash.** EMS World reported May 6 the driver of a Virginia ambulance involved in a wreck that claimed the life of a civilian was charged with reckless driving. The driver did not have the ambulance's lights and siren activated when it collided with a truck in an intersection, according to WSL 10 Roanoke.

Source: <http://www.emsworld.com/news/10710231/virgina-responder-charged-in-fatal-ambulance-crash>

34. *May 5, New York Post* – (New York) **City report trashes 911 call response.** New York City's 9-1-1 system is riddled with problems that could cost crucial seconds in dispatching emergency services despite a \$2 billion overhaul, a May 4 report released by the city's mayor found. The shortcomings of the \$2 billion system, launched in May 2009, were numerous and resulted in 14 recommendations for improvements included in the report. Most centered on the lack of coordination between police and fire departments in creating what was supposed to be a “unified” response to get emergency vehicles to the scene more quickly. Among the findings: there is no unified governance structure for 9-1-1; city police department (NYPD) and city fire department (FDNY)

call takers waste valuable time asking duplicative questions and taking identical actions for the same 9-1-1 caller; 9-1-1 operators answer every call by stating their ID number, a practice dating back to before computers; under current protocols, callers in distress have to wait until the seventh question to be asked the most critical question: “What is the emergency?”; and the FDNY and NYPD do not have agreed-upon policies or training curriculum for how to respond to a surge of 9-1-1 calls and use separate maps. Furthermore, 38 percent of all 9-1-1 calls in 2010 were made by accident. Most were thought to be “pocket dials” by cell phones, eating up precious seconds that could be devoted to genuine emergencies.

Source:

[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/city\\_report\\_trashes\\_call\\_response\\_C17IyeQDrAXQ39XAuItTYM](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/city_report_trashes_call_response_C17IyeQDrAXQ39XAuItTYM)

35. *May 5, Foster's Daily Democrat* – (New Hampshire) **Teen allegedly steals cruiser, tries to take officer's badge.** A Nottingham, New Hampshire man was arrested May 1 after lunging at a police officer and stealing the officer's cruiser at the scene of a serious motor vehicle accident, Foster's Daily Democrat reported May 5. According to a police press release, a Rollinsford officer noticed a suspicious male acting strangely at the scene of the accident. When the male began walking toward the scene, the officer approached him, at which point the man lunged and attempted to steal his badge. The officer pushed the man off him and the man fled. In pursuit of the suspect, the officer watched him jump into a police car and drive away from the scene. It was suspected he drove the Rollinsford police cruiser about a half mile down the road before turning around in a driveway and heading back toward the scene. The officer involved in the interaction was able to position a truck to block the road, stop the cruiser, and arrest the individual.

Source:

[http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120505/GJNEWS\\_01/705059885](http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120505/GJNEWS_01/705059885)

36. *May 4, Dayton Daily News* – (Ohio) **Caught on video: Ohio sheriff's officer allegedly steals from inmates.** A corrections officer employed by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in Ohio was indicted April 27 on four felony counts of theft in office, the Dayton Daily News reported May 4. He was accused of stealing money from inmates being processed into the county jail. The allegations come after sheriff's officials reviewed video surveillance showing corrections officers logging individuals' personal possessions as they are processed into the jail. The tapes raised concerns as the correction officer appears to be pocketing cash from inmates on several occasions. If convicted, he could face up to a year in prison on each fifth-degree felony count. Police did not disclose the amount of money that was alleged to have been taken or how many inmates were affected.

Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10709730/caught-on-video-ohio-sheriffs-officer-allegedly-steals-from-inmates>

37. *May 4, Firehouse.com* – (Minnesota) **Four injured after unmanned Minn. engine accelerates.** A mock crash staged near a high school as part of a pre-prom demonstration turned real after a unmanned Detroit Lakes, Minnesota fire engine



accelerated down a street and into a car, injuring an Emergency Medical Services worker, a state trooper, and two students May 4. Engine 3 was parked as firefighters removed student actors from a vehicle when the apparatus suddenly moved forward before plowing into the rear of one of the mock crash vehicles, according to the Becker County Record. A firefighter jumped into the engine and brought it to a stop, the fire chief told the newspaper. The chief said there was no reason the engine should have accelerated because it was in neutral, and the emergency brake was on.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10709968/four-injured-after-unmanned-minn-engine-accelerates>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

38. *May 7, Computerworld* – (International) **Adobe preps silent Flash updates for Macs.** May 4, Adobe released a new beta of Flash Player, 11.3 or “Beta 3,” that includes silent updates for Macs. This updated program pings Adobe’s servers every hour until it receives a response. If it reaches Adobe and finds no ready update, the tool re-checks the servers 24 hours later. Found updates are applied entirely in the background, and do not display notices on the screen or require the user to take any action. By default, Flash 11.3 has silent updates switched on, but users can change the setting to continue to receive on-screen alerts. Another prominent feature is a “sandboxed” plug-in for Mozilla’s Firefox on Windows Vista and Windows 7, the second step in Adobe’s plan to stymie attacks that exploit unpatched Flash bugs. Adobe plans to ship the final version of Flash Player 11.3 before the end of June.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9226921/Adobe\\_preps\\_silent\\_Flash\\_updates\\_for\\_Macs](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9226921/Adobe_preps_silent_Flash_updates_for_Macs)

39. *May 7, Help Net Security* – (International) **Phishers mimic OpenID to steal credentials.** New spam e-mail campaigns are taking advantage of the users’ vague familiarity with the OpenID authentication method to phish their log-in credentials for many different and popular online services, warn Barracuda Labs researchers. The e-mails in question currently take the form of an offer from a real estate company or of a bogus UPS tracking alert. After following the offered link, users are presented with a fake log-in page hosted on a compromised site. The page itself does not mention OpenID, but the logos of large and popular Web sites that use and provide the option of OpenID authentication (Google, AOL, Yahoo!, etc.) can fool users into thinking the page is legitimate. Whichever e-mail the user selects, a pop-up window requesting log-in credentials appears. “This is not how OpenID authentication works,” the researchers point out. With genuine OpenID authentication we would be directed to a secure Yahoo Web page which would ask for credentials.” In this case, the inputted credentials are simply forwarded in plain text to a remote server operated by the phishers, and the user is redirected to the real estate agency’s or UPS’ legitimate Web site.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=12874&utm>



40. *May 7, IDG News Service* – (International) **PHP will try again to patch chip flaw.** The PHP Group plans to release new versions of the PHP processor May 8 to patch two publicly known critical remote code execution vulnerabilities, one of which was improperly addressed in a May 3 update. One the vulnerabilities is known as CVE-2012-1823 and is located in php-cgi, a component that allows PHP to run in a Common Gateway Interface (CGI) configuration. It was discovered and reported to the PHP Group in mid-January by a team of computer security enthusiasts called De Eindbazen. The bug allows for URL query strings that contain the “-” character to be interpreted by the php-cgi binary as command line switches, such as -s, -d, -c. The vulnerability can be exploited to disclose source code from PHP scripts or to remotely execute arbitrary code on vulnerable systems. May 3, the PHP Group released PHP 5.3.12 and PHP 5.4.2 as emergency updates to address the remote code execution flaw after technical details about it were accidentally made public. However, shortly afterward, the creator of the Suhosin PHP security extension and other security experts noted the CVE-2012-1823 fix included in PHP 5.3.12 and PHP 5.4.2 can easily be bypassed. The PHP Group acknowledged the ineffectiveness of its original patch May 6 and announced plans to release new updates May 8.  
Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9226923/PHP\\_will\\_try\\_again\\_to\\_patch\\_chip\\_flaw](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9226923/PHP_will_try_again_to_patch_chip_flaw)
41. *May 6, KTVB 7 Boise* – (Oregon) **Four treated for chemical exposure at Intel.** Three men were taken to hospitals in the Hillsboro, Oregon area after they ingested chemicals released on the Intel campus May 5, and a fourth man was treated for skin exposure. An Intel HAZMAT team responded to a report the four employees were exposed to the chemicals, made up mostly of sodium nitrate, a Hillsboro Fire Department official told KGW 8 Portland. Primary and secondary safety procedures failed during a chilling process, he said. The men were decontaminated on site in the Ronler Acres area of the campus. Soon afterward, they started to experience symptoms and fire crews were called in. The public was not in danger; the chemicals were contained on site.  
Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/news/regional/150356595.html>
42. *May 6, IDG News Service* – (International) **Apple engineering mistake exposes clear-text passwords for Lion.** Apple’s latest update to OS X contains a programming error that reveals the passwords for material stored in the first version of FileVault, the company’s encryption technology, a software consultant said. He wrote on Cryptome that a debugging switch inadvertently left on in the current release of Lion, version 10.7.3, records in clear text the password needed to open the folder encrypted by the older version of FileVault. Users who are vulnerable are those who upgraded to Lion but are using the older version of FileVault. The debug switch will record the Lion passwords for anyone who logged in since the upgrade to version 10.7.3, released in early February. Apple has two versions of FileVault. The first version allowed a user to encrypt the contents of the home folder using the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) with 128-bit keys. An upgraded product, FileVault 2, which shipped with OS X Lion, encrypts the entire content of the hard drive. When someone upgrades to Lion but still uses the first version, the encrypted home folder is migrated, which is now vulnerable with this security issue. The consultant said the password is accessible to

anyone with root or administrator access. He said passwords can also be read by “booting the machine into FireWire disk mode and reading it by opening the drive as a disk or by booting the new-with-Lion recovery partition and using the available superuser shell to mount the main file system partition and read the file.”

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9226916/Apple\\_engineering\\_mistake\\_exposes\\_clear\\_text\\_passwords\\_for\\_Lion](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9226916/Apple_engineering_mistake_exposes_clear_text_passwords_for_Lion)

43. *May 4, Help Net Security* – (International) **1,000+ WordPress sites compromised through automatic update feature.** More than 1,000 WordPress blogs were modified to redirect visitors to sites serving malware, affiliate, and pay-per-click redirectors and low quality PPC search result aggregators through the WordPress’ automatic update feature. The individuals behind the attack discovered how to add the malicious code to the update.php file, which prompts WordPress to update. This code then injects other code in the wp-settings.PHP file, and effects the redirects.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=12865>

44. *May 4, Government Security News* – (International) **Cyber security is weakest link in state preparedness, according to FEMA survey.** Although States have made huge strides in emergency and natural disaster preparedness, they are still vulnerable to cyber disasters, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Preparedness Report released May 4. The study said despite progress across core areas such as planning and operational coordination for natural disasters, and information sharing among intelligence agencies on terror activity, States indicated cybersecurity was their weakest core capability.

Source: <http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/26273>

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## Communications Sector

45. *May 7, FierceCable* – (National) **Dish Network suffers satellite ‘anomalies’; gains 104,000 subs in Q1 2012.** Dish Network experienced several technical glitches with its satellites during the first quarter of 2012, including “solar array anomalies” that hit three of its satellites, according to a May 7 U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filing. The company said its EchoStar XI, EchoStar XIV, and EchoStar VI satellites experienced solar array anomalies, and EchoStar I suffered a “communications receiver anomaly.” Dish said the glitches experienced by EchoStar XI and EchoStar XIV

“reduced the total power available for use by the spacecraft,” and EchoStar VI experienced the loss of two traveling wave tube amplifiers. The amplifiers are used to boost the strength of signals that deliver programming from satellite transponders. EchoStar warned that EchoStar VI experienced solar array anomalies that have previously impacted its commercial operation, and that future anomalies could hurt the satellite. Dish did not say what may have caused the glitches, but solar flare activity could be impacting the satellites. In September 2011, Dish suffered an outage that saw subscribers lose high-definition networks. It blamed that outage on “human error” in the ground operation of a satellite operated by SES Americom.

Source: <http://www.fiercecable.com/story/dish-network-suffers-satellite-anomalies-gains-104000-subs-q1-2012/2012-05-07>

46. *May 5, Brattleboro Reformer* – (Vermont) **Brattleboro Community Radio is back on the air.** Brattleboro Community Radio, WVEW 107.7 FM Brattleboro, Vermont, was back on the air May 5. After a fire at the Brooks House destroyed the station’s equipment in 2011, it took almost 12 months for the volunteers to reorganize, purchase new equipment, and find a new location for the studio and antenna. Federal Communications Commission rules require that radio stations get back on the air within 12 months of fires. The station had until early May and was able to meet the deadline by about a week. WVEW is broadcasting from a new studio. The station also built a new antenna at the Vermont Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing that will send a stronger signal across town.

Source: [http://www.reformer.com/ci\\_20554001/brattleboro-community-radio-is-back-air-overcoming-brooks?source=most\\_viewed](http://www.reformer.com/ci_20554001/brattleboro-community-radio-is-back-air-overcoming-brooks?source=most_viewed)

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

47. *May 6, San Francisco Examiner* – (California) **Five firefighters injured battling four-alarm Mission district blaze.** Five firefighters and one resident were injured May 6 when a four-alarm fire tore through an apartment building in San Francisco. The fire went to four-alarms within 15 minutes, according to the fire department. The building, which was constructed around 1900, had dry paint and a wood frame that helped feed the fire. A deputy fire chief said the fact that few people were home to report the fire also impacted its size. Two of the three firefighters injured in a stairwell collapse underwent MRIs to check for muscular and skeletal damage. The fire was believed to have begun in a stairwell.

Source: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/2012/05/five-firefighters-injured-battling-four-alarm-mission-district-blaze>

48. *May 6, Your Houston News* – (Texas) **5 people injured as woman crashes into store in Pasadena.** A woman was arrested after allegedly driving into a cell phone store in Pasadena, Texas, injuring five people May 4, at least one of them seriously. The woman was charged with intoxicated assault causing serious bodily injury. A Pasadena

police spokesman said police were responding to a reckless driver call after the woman allegedly hit five or six other vehicles in a parking lot. When the first officer arrived, he saw the woman's pickup truck speeding up and crashing into the Cricket store wall.

Source: [http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/pasadena/news/people-injured-as-woman-crashes-into-store-in-pasadena/article\\_01733c68-97ad-11e1-8267-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/pasadena/news/people-injured-as-woman-crashes-into-store-in-pasadena/article_01733c68-97ad-11e1-8267-0019bb2963f4.html)

49. *May 5, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Careless smoking sparks Las Vegas apartment fire that causes \$750,000 in damage, officials say.** Fire investigators said a carelessly discarded cigarette was to blame for a Las Vegas apartment complex fire that caused \$750,000 in damage and displaced 25 people May 3. They said the fire at Ashford Manor Apartments was sparked by a plastic container used as an ashtray by tenants in one unit. It spread quickly up to the attic of the 2-story, 16-unit building. The fire was fanned by wind gusts of up to 30 miles per hour, and took about 3 hours to control. The attic and eight upstairs apartments were destroyed. Downstairs units were also damaged.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/a5f7556d5a3d487eb408da4985d4315a/NV--Apartment-Fire-Vegas/>

50. *May 5, WCCO 4 Minneapolis-St. Paul* – (Minnesota) **Acid spill forces 13 families from their homes.** Toxic gas and fumes in a Brooklyn Park, Minnesota apartment complex forced about 40 people from their homes May 5. Authorities responded after several residents called 911 complaining of throat irritation. According to a Red Cross spokesperson, acid spilled into the boiler room of an apartment building. Authorities said there was a problem with a boiler at the complex that had just recently been replaced. Residents affected by the incident were evacuated from the area and taken to Brooklyn Center High School while the situation was being investigated. The cause of the spill was still under investigation, but the boiler was fixed and residents were allowed to return to their residences.

Source: <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2012/05/05/toxic-fumes-force-13-families-from-their-homes/>

51. *May 4, WLNE 6 New Bedford* – (Massachusetts) **Chemical suicide shuts down Seekonk carnival.** Fire officials in Seekonk, Massachusetts, believed a man killed himself May 5 by breathing in a mixture of hydrogen sulfide while inside a car, in a parking lot, where a carnival was scheduled to take place. The man left several notes on the car warning people to stay away. Without those warnings, officials said the situation could have been much worse. After HAZMAT crews got inside the car, they found the man inside was dead. The man was poisoned by two buckets filled with hydrogen sulfide, which could have been deadly to others if it had escaped the car. Investigators concluded the man used the gas to commit suicide. The carnival was scheduled to begin as planned May 6.

Source: <http://www.abc6.com/story/18152628/chemical-suicide-shuts-down-seekonk-carnival>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

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## **Dams Sector**

52. *May 4, Associated Press* – (South Dakota; Nebraska; Iowa) **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assess damage of Gavins Point Dam spillway slabs.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it will conduct a damage assessment of the spillway slabs at Gavins Point Dam on the Missouri River in Nebraska and South Dakota, May 9. The chief of the Omaha District hydrologic engineering branch said releases from the dam will be halted for no more than 8 hours to dewater the uppermost portion of the spillway. A preliminary assessment of damages sustained after the 2011 flood indicated minor damage to many areas on the slab. The investigation will include the use of ground penetrating radar and other methods to develop and implement corrective measures by the spring of 2013. Stage reductions at Yankton, Sioux City, and Omaha were expected to last for about 12 hours, 24 hours, and 48 hours, respectively.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/a925b23aba324f50902bf5929ffd21c3/SD--Gavins-Point-Assessment/>

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